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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.

M09781

First Inventor

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Title

TANDEM CONNECTION SYSTEM  
FOR TWO OR MORE MARINE  
PROPELLSION DEVICESExpress Mail Label No.  
Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria VA 22313-1450**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
*(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)*
2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3.  Specification [Total Pages 28]  
*(preferred arrangement set forth below)*
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed Sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 8]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 4]
  - a.  Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
*(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)*
    - i.  DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (*Appendix*)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
*(if applicable, all necessary)*
  - a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii.  Paper
  - c.  Statements verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of Attorney  
*(when there is an assignee)*
11.  English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations
13.  Preliminary Amendment
14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
*(Should be specifically itemized)*
15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
*(if foreign priority is claimed)*
16.  Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17.  Other: .....

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

 Continuation       Divisional       Continuation-in-part (CIP)      of prior application No.: .....

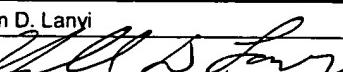
Prior application information:

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**PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER****TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:**

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Scott G. Ahlswede,  
Donald Anderson, Jr., Martin E. Olson Gunderson, and Jeremy L. Alby

for Tandem Connection System for Two or More Marine Propulsion Devices

X 8 Sheets of drawing.

X an assignment of the invention to BRUNSWICK CORPORATION

a certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ application.

associate power of attorney.

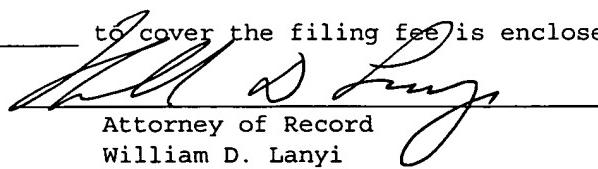
**CLAIM AS FILED**

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
Total claims -----	<u>38 - 20=</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>X \$18 =</u>	<u>\$324.00</u>
Independent claims -----	<u>3 - 3 =</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>X \$86 =</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Basic fee (minimum amount required) -----				<u>\$770.00</u>
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**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST  
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35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

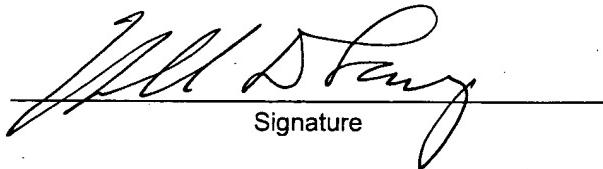
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Title	TANDEM CONNECTION SYSTEM FOR TWO OR MORE MARINE PROPULSION DEVICES
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I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

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